

# Welcome to Class 5: Autumn 2019

Welcome to the beginning of the school year and to Class 5. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for an exciting autumn term. We are delighted to welcome Joanne to our class. All the children are settling in well to their new routine and Mrs Hale and I are looking forward to the year ahead.

## Spelling

This term we are continuing to focus on applying correct spelling rules to writing. Children will correct any misspelt words and add them to their own mini dictionary sheet which will be kept in their literacy books. Please support us by ensuring that children check their written homework for any careless spelling errors.

In the clear plastic pencil case please:

- pencil/pen (black ink), ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue, scissors, whiteboard pen

## Curriculum at a glance

**Anglo-Saxons: please send in any books, pictures etc you have linked to this topic.**

<b>Literacy</b>	Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo Writing that focuses on describing details and building tension to excite the reader Two spelling/grammar sessions a week Two guided reading sessions a week Grammar focus - speech punctuation, commas after fronted adverbials, use of subordinate clauses
<b>Mathematics</b>	Place value with numbers up to 1 million Formal written addition and subtraction methods Applying knowledge to word problems Times tables will be tested regularly on Thursdays
<b>Science</b>	Properties of materials, Changing sound
<b>RE</b>	Science and Creation: Conflicting or compatible? Buddhism
<b>ICT</b>	E- safety, Coding
<b>French</b>	Describing towns
<b>Art</b>	Painting, Sketching
<b>PE</b>	Swimming, Football, Agility work, Rounders

**REMINDER: SWIMMING KIT ON WEDNESDAYS**

## Homework Timetable

Subject	Day set	Day due in	Time
Literacy	Wed	Tues	35 mins
Maths	Wed	Tues	35 mins. Also keep revising times tables
Spelling	Wed	Tues	Practise 3x each week (15 mins each time) Session 1= writing the words in a sentence. Choice of learning methods for sessions 2 and 3.
Reading			Read aloud at least 3x each week and marked in the reading diary

We will continue to use some of the Mathletics and Reading Eggspress programmes as part of homework this term. Logins will be sent home via Homework Diaries, in case they have been forgotten over the summer. There are also lots of extra games on the programmes that children can choose to use to improve their skills and even compete against other children. Do encourage your child to explore the sites as well as using them for homework. Remember that the more they use the sites, the more they learn and the more points/eggs they collect for their avatar.

### How you can best support with homework:

- Encourage your child to take responsibility for completing homework. Try not to do it for them, however tempting!
- Hear your child read and discuss their reading with them.
- Keep testing your child on their times tables up to x12.
- Help your child think of some ideas to write about and jot down some notes and encourage a neat handwriting at all times.
- Encourage them to proofread their writing (often easier if spoken aloud) and check their spellings.

**Celebrating achievements:** Please record any extra-curricular achievements in your child's homework diary or bring in any trophies, certificates or badges earned so we can celebrate their success. We will be celebrating house points each week, so please also encourage your child to gain as many as possible.

Please do come to 'Meet the Teacher' (and the PTA AGM) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm where we will discuss in more detail, ways of supporting your child. There will also be cheese and wine courtesy of the PTA!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. You are very welcome to come and see me on the playground before/after school or jot down a note in the homework diary. Thank you for all your support. Mrs Hale and I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Many Thanks,

Mr Owen